GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:347
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DECENTRALISATION OF BIO DIVERSITY AUTHORITY
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government proposes to decentralize the powers of the National Bio-Diversity Authority (NBA) regarding grant of approval to patent applications on traditional knowledge;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether all the States have constituted the Bio-Diversity Board;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the time by which it is likely to be constituted by all the States ?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 347 due for answer on 21-08-06 regarding Decentralization of Bio-diversity Authority by SHRI SURESH PRABHAKAR PRABHU.

(a) There is no proposal to decentralize the powers of the National Biodiversity Authority in respect of patent application on traditional knowledge.

(b) Does not arise.

(c)&(d) Sixteen States have notified the establishment of State Biodiversity Boards till July, 2006. These states are: Karnataka, Goa, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, Punjab, Kerala, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Himachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Chhatisgarh, Manipur, Sikkim, Uttaranchal, Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh.

(e) The remaining states have been requested by the Ministry of Environment & Forests and the National Biodiversity Authority for early formation of the State Biodiversity Boards.